

IN THE CLAIMS

1-2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) A method for treating or preventing diarrhea mediated by pathogenic fungi in a mammal which suffers from intestinal colonization of the pathogenic fungi, comprising orally administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of viable *Escherichia coli* strain DSM 6601.

4-7. (cancelled)

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising administering the *Escherichia coli* strain DSM 6601 for at least about 10 days.

9-12. (cancelled)

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the mammal is a ruminant.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the ruminant is a bovine animal.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the mammal is a ruminant.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the ruminant is a bovine animal.

17. (currently amended) A method for treating or preventing intestinal colonization of pathogenic fungi in a mammal, comprising orally administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of viable *Escherichia coli* strain DSM 6601.

18. (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising administering the *Escherichia coli* strain DSM 6601 for at least 10 days.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the mammal is a ruminant.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 20,
wherein the ruminant is a bovine animal.